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# The Lemon Grove REVIEW

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## EDCO requesting rate increase of 38 percent for trash pickup

by Lindy Magner

At Tuesday's briefing meeting, the City Council was presented with information on a rate increase requested by EDCO Disposal Co. for trash pickup.

If approved by council at its Dec. 7 meeting, the proposed contract would raise rates 38 percent for residents and 21 percent for commercial customers, according to Assistant City Manager Doug Yount.

This would mean that single-family residences now paying \$12.50 would soon pay \$17.22 per month, Yount said.

EDCO representatives stated that the increase is necessary to offset the cost of county landfill tipping fees which the company has been paying since July 1.

The company has been raising its rates on all its contracted cities, recently getting approval from the La Mesa City Council for a 31-percent rate increase.

According to City Manager Jack Shelver, the current rate-increase proposal is a result of revisions made by EDCO at the request of city staff.

"We're trying to keep the rate as low as possible," he said, noting that revisions include dropping a cost-of-living fee requested by the company.

EDCO representatives cite the increase in tipping fees as the primary cause for the rate increase, noting that another tipping fee increase is expected next July.

Other causes include EDCO's required participation in a yard-waste recycling program whereby

the company will have to pick up yard waste in a separate truck, effective in January.

"We'll be sending two trucks down the same road the same day," said Dan Gallaher of EDCO, explaining that the county will soon be requiring customers to place their yard waste in separate, clear or marked bags.

For several years, the city has been participating in a curb recycling program; a program which has yet to pay for itself.

According to Yount, sale of recyclable items collected has paid for about one-quarter of the city's recycling program.

Mayor Brian Cochran stated that one reason the program is not more successful is that aluminum cans are being stolen from collection bins before they can be picked up by EDCO.

*"This is costing us money, and I'd like to know what we can do to stop this,"* he said, noting that one morning at 5:30 a.m., he witnessed a man with an EDCO route map in his hand, emptying collection bins along Mt. Vernon Street. EDCO representatives agreed that losing recyclables to the man in the street is an ongoing problem.

Yount suggested that maybe the city should make this a priority with deputies and the city code enforcement officer, and possibly conduct "stings" to catch the thieves. He also suggested alerting residents to the problem.

Effective next July, businesses and apartment complexes will be required to participate in the recycling program.

## Harmonium, Inc. at Mt. Miguel, reaching students in crises

by Lindy Magner

When Harmonium, Inc. a Mira Mesa-based family counseling group was awarded the county contract last June to provide services for Spring Valley, Lemon Grove and La Mesa youths, its director decided to operate an office from Mt. Miguel High School.

As part of the \$60,000 county contract, 65 percent of Harmonium's caseload must be referrals from the county Probation Department and the Sheriff's Juvenile Intervention and Investigation Unit (Juvenile Diversion), according to Nancy Ajemian, Harmonium executive director.

The remainder of caseloads for crisis counselor Lynette Rivers will come from students who drop by her office or are referred to her by high school teachers and administrators.

For about 17 years the county's need for juvenile counseling services was fulfilled by Progress San Diego, which operated Spring Valley Family and Youth Services.

Now, Harmonium, Inc. is working to meet needs which Ajemian describes as overwhelming.

"We were stunned at the amount of need and the lack of existing community resources," she said. "It is really difficult for adolescents and families in the area to get help."

She said that though Rivers will respond to calls from area high schools and middle schools, her main clientele at this point will be Mt. Miguel students and Sheriff's and Probation department referrals.

"If there's a gang conflict or a drug issue at another school, then she'll go there. We're trying to get kids to who her who are the highest risk cases. There are so many

## Do you remember when?



These are two of the many photos from the new photograph archives of the Lemon Grove Historical Society. At top, the corner of Main and Pacific about 1914. Below, an unidentified Lemon Grove ball team. Anyone who can help identify those pictured should contact Pete Smith. See story on Page 5.

kids with problems, she can't possibly deal with them all," Ajemian said, explaining that since October, Rivers has been operating from the Mt. Miguel office.

Every school day from 7:30 a.m. to about 4 p.m., Rivers is accessible to students. So far, problems brought to her door have included child abuse and pregnancy.

Last week, school administrators and teachers began referring students to her.

"They're not just referring the kids who are discipline problems, but also those who are apathetic or seem depressed," she said.

According to Mt. Miguel Principal Brian Smith, a committee was formed to screen teacher referrals and decide which students to add to Rivers' caseload.

"We don't want it to be overwhelming for her," he said, adding that though the school has a psychologist, his duties are mostly to evaluate students for placement

in special education programs.

Smith said that it is too early to measure the impact of having an on-site counselor for crisis intervention, but he sees it as "a very positive influence."

So far, Rivers' total caseload has been about 20 students per week.

Detective Greg Barnett of Juvenile Diversion began referring students to her several weeks ago. He said that without counseling services offered by Harmonium, he would have nowhere to refer students and families who are uninsured and could not afford private counseling services.

According to Ajemian, Rivers' job is to assess the needs of the adolescents and determine what agencies should be brought in or what services need to be provided.

"She'll gather information and ask herself, is this someone who is suicidal or who is being abused?" Ajemian said.

## Mt. Miguel *El Trovador* News Briefs

San Diego State University held its first A.Ch.A. (Association of Chicana Activists) on Nov. 19. The conference consisted of different workshops that discussed issues such as "Chicanas in Business" and "How To Start A.Ch.A. at Your School." The A.Ch.A. conference was held to encourage young Chicanas to be motivated to receive a higher education.

Crisis House is offering gifts and food baskets for needy families at Mount Miguel High School. If there is a needy family, this information should be given to Guidance Information Specialist Juliet Irwin who will follow up on it.

Girls Varsity Basketball tryouts were held from Nov. 15 to Nov. 18. Julie Mottershaw is the varsity coach and the junior varsity coach is Bob Raymond. This year's varsity team will feature Julie Guerrero, Amie Belanger and Josie Piriano. Their first game was on Tuesday at Mt. Miguel against Eastlake High. Varsity will play at Chula Vista on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and J. V. will host J. V. Chula Vista at 5:30 p.m.

Angela Sablan, who was the editor of this column for the month of November has handed over control to Samantha Farace, who will be the editor for the month of December.

In class competitions held Fridays in the quad, the juniors are leading in spirit points with 520 points. The seniors are in second with 510 points, sophomores are in third place with 360 points and freshmen are last with 190 points.

Registration for spring-semester driver's education classes is being done by mail to parents of all students with birthdates on or before Dec. 10, 1998, who have not completed the course yet. If students meet their requirements and did not receive an application, they should contact a counselor about a driver-education registration form.

Reflections Magazine will be accepting original poems, short stories, articles, art work and photographs starting next week, for publication in the Mount Miguel literary magazine. Students should drop their submissions by Room 231. Reflections '94 is headed by Editor-in-chief Charlotte Rice.

The Mixed Chorus, conducted by Laurel Rankin, performed last Wednesday at the San Diego Center for the Blind. Participating in the event were Holly Albanese, Autumn Chromik, Calb Donley, James Harth, Kay Marie Johns, Charlotte Rice and Gabrial Trujillo.

The entire chorus will be performing at a concert to be held at Country Hills Retirement Village on Dec. 6. Scheduled to perform are: Tracy Alden, Adrienne Bailey, Julie Brown, Carrie Burrell, Herminia Carruth, Veronica Castillo, Morningstar Castro, Felicia Chatman, Susan Chien, Andrea Casmano, Josephine D'Amato, Lori Ellis, Milyn Garcia, Tornya Gaye, Arie Green, Crystal Gutierrez, Christina Hillenburg, Gloria Kendall, Kristina Kirk, Andrea Little, Leah Love, Shenika Lunsford, Topaz Marrujo, Racquel Martinez, Angela McNeal, Monica Messina, Mellissa Millen, Yazmin Moralez, April Navarette, Vanessa Nuncio, Jasimine Oliver, Marretha Perkins, Kristina Ponce, Alicia Prince, Keele Rainer, Natalie Richey, Marcedes Sewell, Mikki Smallwood, Kiela Smith, Loraine Spink, Karissa Sullivan, Jessica Vargas, Jocelyn Villar, Chetney Walker, Fakisha Ware, Rosemary Ware, Jamie Wassenarr, Christina Wickey, Joy Willis, Amy Wilson and Tonya Stevens.

The Marching Matador Band will be participating in the North Park Parade and the Tournament of Champions on Saturday, Dec. 4. The band is conducted by veteran band leader, Roy Anthony.

Winter sports began this week with scrimmages for the Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams against University High and University of San Diego high schools, respectively, yesterday. Varsity will host Serra on Saturday at 10 a.m. and J.V. will host Serra tomorrow at noon. The Varsity coach is Bill Sullivan and the J.V. coach is Jimmy Hurst.

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Wrestling season, under the coaching of Gary Volper, begins next week. Junior Varsity will travel to Poway on Saturday, Dec. 4 but both Varsity and JV will host El Capitan on Dec. 9, J.V. beginning at 5:30 and Varsity at 7 p.m.

The soccer teams' openers were held yesterday at Mount Miguel with the Boys competing against Hilltop in a scrimmage, coached by Jim Healey, and the Girls, under Coach Charles Tyler, hosting Our Lady of Peace. The Girls will participate in a practice tournament at Valhalla this Saturday and the Boys' next event will be at Castle Park on Dec. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

## Plan to 'Breakfast with Santa' at the Sheriff's station

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 10 and 11 (Friday and Saturday).

Monetary donations, as well as supplies for the event are welcomed. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help needy families in the Lemon Grove Station's jurisdiction at Christmas. For further details, contact Karen Smith at 441-4037.

## In the Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Clark E. Thom, whose wife, Felina, is the daughter of Vergina Garcia of Lemon Grove, recently reported for duty with helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) 41, Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

The 1987 graduate of Helix High School joined the Navy in August 1988.

## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department.

High	Low
November 14	62
November 15	70
November 16	75
November 17	71
November 18	71
November 19	83
November 20	80
Precipitation this fiscal year-to-date: 0.94";	
Last year-to-date: 0.67"	

## Mt. Miguel band preparing for Australia junket

The Chino, California band tournament on Nov. 6, provided the Mount Miguel High School Marching Matadors band and corps with another chance to demonstrate their musical talents. The Marching Matadors, who next summer will be performing in Sydney, Australia, have over the past several weeks been polishing their showmanship in anticipation of the trip.

The Chino band tournament drew some 32 bands from all over Southern California. The Matadors, competed in both field tournament and band review (street) competitions. The band and ID unit took first, and the Tall Flags finished second in the street competition. However, the 150 member band won the sweepstakes trophy in the field-tournament competition.

The band will continue to focus on improving its performance in anticipation of its Australia tour.

## Adopt-A-Child thanks sponsors

Lemon Grove Adopt-A-Child program thanks the following companies and groups for their help with donations, volunteer assistance, printing, collecting and advertising:

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## Lemon Grove Fire Log

### Nov. 13, 1993 through Nov. 21, 1993

7500 blk Central Ave. Fall.  
7500 blk. Canton Dr. Rubbish fire.  
Hwy 94/College Ave. Vehicle accident/freeway.  
Hwy 94/Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident/freeway.  
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Medical aid.  
6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Unknown medical.  
2000 blk. Noble St. Assault victim.  
1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Assault victim.  
Hwy 94/Spring St. Freeway/accident/rescue.  
1900 blk. Main St. Vomiting blood.  
1700 blk. Costada Ct. Back injury.  
7800 blk. Broadway. Unconscious.  
8400 blk. Ildica St. Residential structure fire.  
7800 blk. Broadway. Evaluate for the Sheriff.  
7500 blk. Church St. Possible coroner's case.  
3200 blk. Main St. Abdominal pains.  
8000 blk. Canton Dr. Traffic accident.  
2600 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Flooding.  
Hwy 94/College Grove Way. Freeway/accident/rescue.  
8500 blk. Blossom Lane. Chest pains.  
Broadway/Grove St. Traffic accident.  
1400 blk. Skyline Dr. Diabetic reaction.  
8500 blk. Blossom Lane. Residential structure fire.  
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Medic alert.  
7600 blk. Broadway. Dumpster fire.  
2600 blk. Buena Vista Ave. Vehicle fire.  
Broadway/Sweetwater Rd. Traffic accident.  
7600 blk. Broadway. Bleeding.  
Central Ave./Florine Dr. Person down.  
2200 blk. Debco Dr. Possible stroke.  
6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Unknown medical.  
3000 blk Fisher Lane. Chest pains.  
3200 blk. Kempf St. Person down.  
1800 blk. Primera St. Chest pains.  
3700 blk. Milton Rd. Assault victim.  
7100 blk. Broadway. Assist SD with ladder.  
1500 blk. Koe St. Assist invalid.  
Massachusetts Ave./Hwy 94. Vehicle accident.  
2200 blk. Alton Pl. Medical aid.  
7800 blk. Broadway. Medical aid.  
2000 blk. Skyline. Laceration.  
7900 blk. Nichals St. Laceration.  
San Miguel Ave./Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle fire.  
Olive St./Broadway. Fall.  
2000 blk. Skyline Dr. Difficulty breathing.  
3700 blk. Corona St. Head injury.  
1600 blk. Glencoe Dr. Unresponsive.  
Lemon Grove Ave./Canton Dr. Person down.  
2400 blk. Edding Dr. Unknown medical.

## Sheriff's Dept. Log

### Nov. 11, 1993

900 blk. Glencoe. Vandalism. Vehicle scratched. Value of damage unknown.  
2600 blk. Lemon Grove. Strong-arm robbery attempt.

## Notice to Residents of Lemon Grove:

### Public Workshop "Proposed Future Transit Improvements in Lemon Grove"

Tuesday, November 30, 1993  
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Lemon Grove Fire Department  
7853 Central Avenue

The City of Lemon Grove, together with the San Diego County Transit System (CTS), is currently studying how existing transit services meet citizen needs. This information will be used to develop recommendations for proposed future transit services and facilities.

Public input is sought in order to consider all options for service improvements, route and service changes.

To encourage attendance, free shuttle bus transportation from the Lemon Grove Depot (trolley station) will be provided. People with disabilities can call CTS WHEELS for a free round trip within the City of Lemon Grove to attend the workshop. The number to call is 297-3947. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be free CTS balloons.

For more information, please call CTS at 694-3579.

# Workshop set on city's future transit needs

The city of Lemon Grove invites residents to a public workshop, "Proposed Future Transit Improvements in Lemon Grove," Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lemon Grove Fire Department, 7853 Central Ave.

According to Assistant City Manager Doug Yount, the workshop seeks public input in an informal, open-house discussion of existing and future transit services in the city of Lemon Grove.

Together with the San Diego County Transit system (CTS), the city is studying how existing transit services meet citizens' needs. This information will be used to develop recommendations for proposed future transit services and facilities.

"We want to consider all options for service improvements, and we value input from residents who know the needs of the community. We invite all interested people to come to the workshop for as long or short a time as they can," said Yount.

Citizens' comments and suggestions on how transit services could be improved in Lemon Grove will be included in the final study report.

The workshop will feature displays showing existing and proposed public transportation services in Lemon Grove, and offers a chance to meet the people who are working on the study. Information about route and service changes will be presented.

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be free CTS balloons. Workshop attendees can use the free shuttle bus service from the Lemon Grove Depot Trolley Station. Look for the special CTS minibus. People with disabilities can call CTS Wheels for a free round-trip within the city of Lemon Grove to attend the workshop, call 297-3947.

For more information about the workshop, call CTS public information officer Emily Hopkins at 694-3579.

## Rec Department offering softball leagues and classes

New teams wishing to participate in the Lemon Grove Recreation Department's Winter/Spring Softball Leagues must have a team representative at the Wednesday, Dec. 16, meeting at 6 p.m.

Individual players looking to get on a team should also attend. This meeting will be held at the Lemon Grove Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane. Fees, league rules and other items will be discussed at this meeting.

The Lemon Grove Recreation Department's winter class session will run from Jan. 12 through March 19. Registration for these classes will run from Dec. 6, through Jan. 7, at the Recreation Department office 3146 School Lane.

Classes offered will include Children/Teen Sewing, Drill Team, Jewelry Making, Beginning Ballroom Smooth Dancing, East/West Coast Swing Dancing, Beginner-Intermediate Country-Western Dancing, Tap Dance, Acrobatics, and Country-Western Line Dancing for beginners, youth and intermediate dancers.

For information concerning classes call the Recreation Department at 668-4575.

## Christmas auction planned

Lemon Grove Congregational United Church of Christ will hold its fifth annual Christmas Auction on Saturday, Dec. 4.

A preview with desserts served will be from 5-7 p.m. The live auction starts at 7:30 p.m., with auctioneer Don Settle.

A donation of \$3 is requested for dessert and a bidding number. For more information, call 466-0503.

Items to be auctioned include theater tickets, restaurant certificates and hotels/travel packages.

## Obituary

### Kenneth Creston Bonine

Kenneth Creston Bonine, 65, of La Mesa, died Nov. 17 at a La Mesa nursing center.

Mr. Bonine is the father of Karen Warrant, who with her husband, Don, operates C & M Wire Products in Lemon Grove.

Mr. Bonine was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. on May 18, 1928, and was a resident of San Diego county for 35 years. He was a senior project engineer for General Dynamics/Convair for 30 years until his retirement in 1991. He was a lieutenant in the Navy from 1946-1959.

His activities and interests include membership of the Computer and Automated Systems of Manufacturing Engineers (president 1988-89), American Youth Hostels, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Association of Computer Manufacturers, Pop Warner Football, - La Mesa (president 1975) and the San Diego Gymnastics Officials Association.

Survivors include his wife, Joan A. Bonine; sons, Mark of San Diego, Michael of Terra Haute, Indiana, Matthew of Lakeside, Brent of Encinitas, Kevin of San Diego; daughters, Sharon Bonine of Irvine, Karen Warrant of Lakeside, Michelle Shelor of Roanoke, Va., Linda Bredermann of Russia; brother William J. Bonine Jr. of Florissant, Missouri, and 18 grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 20 at College Avenue Baptist Church; burial was at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Campus Crusade for Christ or The College Avenue Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

## B-words

### Personal comments of Councilman Bob Burns

#### Veteran's Day

This year's Veteran's Day which always commemorates the armistice that occurred at the Eleventh hour of the Eleventh day of the Eleventh month of 1918, is history.

It was again my pleasure and honor to ride in the WWII jeep with Korean War veteran, Jack Shelver, and Vietnam veteran, John Pipes. The sprinkles of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm and pride of the parade participants or the crowd that was substantial.

As one of my favorite columnists wrote, it is a shame that many of the veterans of the various wars are not allowed the day off to celebrate their day. On the other hand many of the workforce who are not veterans are off with the closing of municipal and other governmental agencies in observance of the holiday.

The thousands of people, young and old, and some very old with the remnants of uniforms on their ancient frames, do turn out to show appreciation.

Heartfelt and sincere salutes are very gratifying when earnestly given. The waves of children and many young people make one feel that whatever part a veteran played in the defense of his or her country, was worthwhile.

Conversely, it is very disappointing to hear the loudmouthed fringe of the peacetime generation that were not inclined to serve, deprecate the veterans, the veterans' organizations, and their pride of accomplishments.

There must be some kind of rationalization in making fun of the VFW members who enjoy getting together and exchanging war stories. It must salve some consciences to exhort wild and grossly incorrect tales of how the various veterans groups behave.

The Bill Clinton option of not answering our country's call to arms, must be comfortable to many who were consciously of the same opinion and behavior. Or it may just be that to not be what others are, is a psychological ulcer that acts up every once in a while, especially on Veteran's Day.

Veterans appreciate and acknowledge those who are not among their ranks, for totally innocent or time-framed circumstances. Being born at the right time, or having physical deficiencies that preclude military service

is nothing to be ashamed of. Most veterans would call it lucky and might well have preferred it to their lot. No matter what the reasons, the non-veterans owe a thank you and respect to those who kept our nation free and insured that what we have today exists.

I salute every member of our armed forces, willing or reluctant, hero or non-hero, and living or dead. Every day of my wonderful life, my family and the prosperity that I have enjoyed, are all the result of those who served to protect our nation. And I thank them all.

#### Giving thanks

Thanksgiving day is the time set aside each year for us to count our blessings.

This kind of reflection is usually a very private thing and not often publicly revealed except at the invocation before meals. Even those are too few and too far between. To compensate for my lack of vocalizing skills and an inherent reticence to say the things that are in my heart, I will do so in B-words.

I am thankful to so many that I cannot properly do justice to all, so will apologize up front.

Also it goes without saying that I do appreciate the wonderful life that God has bestowed upon me. There are so many friends, that I treasure over my 70 years. My growing-up period, my college and military days, and especially the family of Lemon Grove that has been so kind and wonderful to the Burns' in the 38 years that we have worked and lived here.

However, it is also usually the case that the ones closest to us are the most neglected. So I would like to concentrate my thankful supplications to my immediate family. I have two beautiful great granddaughters named Stephanie and Tiffany, and a great-grandson, proudly named Roberto.

We have grandsons named Julian, our first, groceryman, and my special pal when he was very young. We went to hockey games together and watched TV from Grandpa's bed.

There is Zachary, our accomplished musician and bank employee. Also there is Big Jake, our traveling companion when he can get excused from high school.

Mia Catherine is just into the teens and is a strikingly beautiful

woman already. Her grandmother is trying to spoil her and thus make up for not doing the same with our two daughters. We have two step-granddaughters, Laura and Beverly, and grandson, David, who collects bowling trophies.

Our oldest son, Terry, thrills us occasionally when we see him in a soap opera, a commercial, or a TV movie. A sergeant in the National Guard he lives too far away in L.A. His raven-haired wife, Jeanne, was added to our clan, as was Victor, husband of our first daughter, Sheila. She works as a registered nurse along with raising her four children, and Vic is a groceryman as well as an administrator of his church.

Next we have Patrick who is a joy to have around especially when we need anything mechanical done. He is a loving son, and one who is most generous with his limited free time. Pat loves his work also with County Animal Control, possibly a result of working with me at my Veterinary Hospital. He brought Carey into the family. Third son Dennis is a one-of-a-kind who keeps the triple-A team functioning. His wife, Christine, agrees that he is the cuddliest one of the family.

A late arrival, Erin Kathleen, came along to add a seventh to what we thought would be a six-member family. As a baby and a toddler she made our camping trips hilarious, and everyone enjoyed looking after her. Being tied to the railing of our boat, like a dog on a leash, made for many funny moments. She now has a six foot, six-inch husband, and is charming the PacBell people.

Lastly, and best, there is my beautiful wife, Jackie. She noted the other day that we have reached a marital landmark. We are on our third bottle of Tabasco sauce. I am sure that when God gave her to me, he outdid Himself and the only regret I have is that everyone else in the world could not be as fortunate.

I cannot help that this piece comes off as boasting. I do not mean it as such, just an acclimation of the appreciation that I owe to Him, and to so many others. My wish is that the above prayers would be repeated every day of the year, not just on Thanksgiving Day.

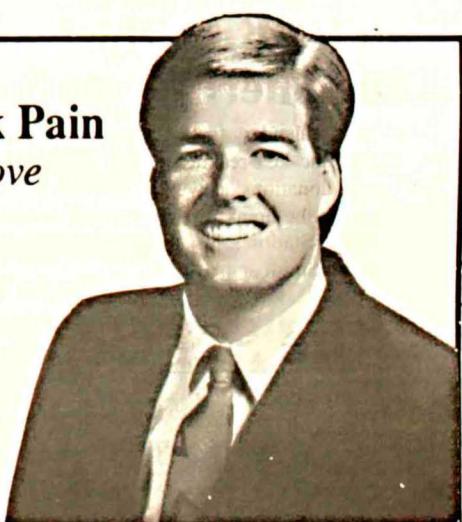
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# Commentary

by Paul Treske

In the course of the NAFTA debate I came to a sudden realization of one of the major things wrong with Congress: They talk too much.

Now, you're saying, "Of course, I knew that all the time," but there's more to it than that. It's a malady present in all politicians once their in office.

If you remember the final two weeks of the debate preceding the NAFTA vote in the house, you'll recall two salient factors. One was the effort at winning the hearts of the general public. There were TV commercials, news bites, speeches to large assemblies of citizens and ultimately, the Gore-Perot debate.

The second factor was the tough, backstage arm-twisting by the president, who, apparently, secured a multitude of crossover votes by promising all sorts of goodies to those who would switch to pro-NAFTA.

All of this combined to produce a situation in which everyone in Congress, and anyone who followed the struggle on TV and radio, knew by the day of the vote that pro-NAFTA was going to prevail with some votes to spare.

Then, on Wednesday, the day scheduled for the vote itself, members of the House speechified themselves hoarse for eight hours before finally voting as expected. Why? The issue was settled - Clinton had enough votes; he knew it and the leading NAFTA opponent Rep. David Bonior of Michigan acknowledged it. Why the speeches? I cannot believe that the eight hours of rhetoric changed a single vote that had not already been changed by the President's largess. So why were they beating their gums? Obviously for the folks back home; for us unsophisticated boobs who are apparently ready to believe

anything.

This, of course, is something one sees at all levels of government right down to thousands of city councils. Issues whose solutions ought to be quick and obvious are debated by the hour in front of yawning spectators and sleepy press, so that, when election time comes around, congressman, mayors or council members can turn to the public and say, "I fought for so and so - look, its on the record."

In actuality, however, it's my guess that, rather than viewing such needless verbosity as accountability, most citizens merely see such politicians as cases of "running-off-at-the-mouth" and would see them in a somewhat more respected light if they left the verbiage to a sensible minimum. But knowing the "nature of the beast," that's probably an awful lot to ask.

I can't let this week go by without a brief comment on the Dale Akiki trial. In my opinion, this case should never have been brought to trial and is a classic example of the waste of millions of taxpayer dollars. How the District Attorney's office could let a case with so many obvious holes proceed to trial is almost inexplicable and will ultimately be more seriously answered for by District Attorney Ed Miller.

The hysteria and exaggerated accusations made in this and other similar cases such as the one in Edenton, North Carolina, filled as they are with the taint of Satanism, are much too reminiscent of the Salem witch trials early in our nation's history. Then, as now, those who were different and, to some, frightening were also accused of witchcraft.

Fortunately, in this day and age, Dale Akiki's fate was better. However, the injustice of keeping Akiki in jail for 2 1/2 years can not be undone.

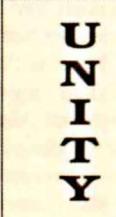
camp for children 5-18 years of age. The camp will be held from Dec. 20 through Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp will include instruction in fundamental drills, 3-point shots, free throws, and tournament play. This camp will also feature guest speakers on sportsmanship, team concept and drug education. The cost for the camp is \$125 for members and \$132 for participants.

Sign-ups for both basketball opportunities will begin on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Davis/Grossmont Family YMCA at 8881 Dallas St. in La Mesa. For more information, call 464-1323.

## Worship Directory

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Corner Skyline & Alton Drive  
Edward J. Volkmann, Pastor  
Telephone: 465-7301  
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## From Where I Sit

A Baja Thanksgiving

by Frank Andrews

A few weeks before Thanksgiving one year, my good friend, Glenn German, approached me; "Hey Frank where can a tired old man get a good dose of R & R (rest and relaxation)?"

"How would you like to spend Thanksgiving weekend at our place in Puerticos, Mexico, without phones or TV and all the "hustle and bustle" of big city life? I asked.

"Sounds good, when do we leave?" was his quick response.

My wife and I had maintained our "casa by the sea" for over 18 years, but for the past few years had used it very little. So a trip down there was needed at this time as we had a couple of prospects to buy the place.

Our "Mexican hacienda" started as a travel trailer with adjoining lean-to patio and ended up with a near modern two-bedroom house, fully furnished in "Ye Olde Garage Sale" motif.

I picked up my "sidekick" for the week at straight-up 6 a.m. at his home in La Mesa on the Monday before Thanksgiving for our 300-mile trek south of the border. The highway from San Diego to San Felipe is blacktopped, but the 54 miles to our little village of Puerticos has always been something else. Usually in such bad shape that it has taken up to five hours for that last bit of "no-man's land."

What a surprise! The old road has been paved by the Mexican government about two-thirds of the way since my last trip and we could travel at about 65 miles per hour. We arrived at 1 p.m., the fastest time that we have ever made on that so-called road.

After I backed my van up to the back door and we got out to unload, Glenn noticed a lot of oil dripping from under the vehicle. The gooey stuff seemed to be coming from the engine. It looked really serious but we unloaded first before any further investigation.

After we were finished unloading, I walked down the hill from our house to find the source of our trouble. I hollered loud and clear, "Glenn, we ran over a full plastic bottle of Pennzoil motor oil on the way up the hill and when it burst it shot oil all over the underside of the van." Boy, that was a real scare!

When Glenn entered the casa he remarked, "This is really nice. I didn't expect anything like it. This is definitely a "home away from home."

The few days before Thanksgiving were full from daylight until past sunset - always a work project until noon and then "fun time." We swam, snorkeled, fished, soaked in the hot sulfur baths, and especially had a good long "siesta." Although my "sidekicker" was always kept busy, he was still getting his much needed R & R.

I had prepared the complete Thanksgiving dinner at home, so all that was needed was to heat it in the oven. We invited Cesar, my Mexican amigo of many years, to share our special dinner with us. These "Three Musketeers" held hands over the table and together thanked God for all He had given us.

After our wonderful week of fun and sun, which had passed all too quickly, we packed our gear on Sunday and headed north, back to our usual life of "hustle and bustle."

Besides renewing my friendship with the wonderful Mexican neighbors, I added much "spiritual enrichment" to my life by spending a week with Glenn, my very good Christian buddy.

## Helix Happenings

by Sara Bone Highland Fling Co-Editor-In Chief

### Calender of upcoming events

Today, Nov. 25, marked the beginning of Thanksgiving break for Grossmont District schools. It continues through the 28th, with school resuming on the 29th.

Friday the 26th; the Helix Highlanders Varsity Football team meet with El Camino for C.I.F. playoffs. The game begins at 7:30, and is at Helix High School.

C.I.F. Playoffs continue through the weekend (Sat. 27th) and extends into Dec. Those days being the 3rd and 4th, with finals on Dec. 11.

Key Club is now selling environmental T-shirts in a variety of designs and sizes. Each for just \$12. For more information contact Ray Mounts, key club advisor at 466-4173 Ext. 137.

The Highlander Wrestling

Challenge starts off the wrestling season. Please note that the date for this event has been changed from Friday the 26th to Saturday the 27th. On the 9th of Dec. Varsity and J.V. wrestle away at West Hills with events beginning at 5:30.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, there will be a faculty vs. Men's Basketball game. It will be at 7 p.m. at the Helix Gym. Adult admission is \$3 and student admission is \$2.

The Drama Club fall play entitled "David and Lisa" starring Rocky De Haro and Holly Craig opens in less than two weeks. Show nights are Dec. 3, 4, 9 and 10. The play starts at 7:30 p.m. in the little theater. Tickets cost \$3 with A.S.B. card, \$4 without.

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## Heartland Communications Facility votes against joining regional radio system

by Lindy Magner

Last Thursday, the Heartland Communications Facility Authority Commission board voted against joining a regional communications system which the county is proposing as a way to link all fire and police agencies.

Heartland has its own 800-megahertz communications system which links the East County fire departments of four cities - Lemon Grove, La Mesa, El Cajon and Santee, and four fire districts - Alpine, Lakeside, Bostonia and San Miguel.

The 5-3 vote by representatives of the four cities and four fire districts breaks the 4-4 deadlock which occurred in a similar vote last June when all four cities voted against joining the county communications system, and all four districts voted in favor.

According to Bostonia Fire Chief Darrell Jobes who serves as Heartland Communications Facility Commission's chairman of the board, the new representative from the Alpine Fire District voted differently from his predecessor, thus breaking the deadlock.

Though Jobes believes that "the door is not closed" yet, and the county could come back to Heartland for another vote, county representatives feel to do so would be a waste of time.

"Based on what we've heard, Heartland is just not interested; they have their own system," said

Jon Fullinwider, county director of information services.

"The cities have concerns about a county-operated system, and basically it's come down to politics," he said.

He noted that the three fire districts in Heartland have expressed interest in joining a county system on their own.

"We believe that even the Alpine district will want to join eventually," he added.

He said that over the past month, no additional cities have been added to the list of seven - most in North County - whose councils have approved inclusion in a regional communications system.

The system would be funded through annual property assessments of about \$7 per single-family dwelling, and participating systems would form a County Service Area for the purpose of levying assessments.

Fullinwider said that in order to have adequate funding for the communications system, 80 percent of the parcels in the county would need to be levied.

"We definitely have to get more cities to participate - we need the South Bay cities and some others on board," he said, noting that most have yet to vote on the issue.

Lemon Grove has not yet voted as a city, though at an informal briefing meeting about a month ago, some City Council members made their opposition

clear. Leading the opposition was Mayor Brian Cochran who said he had a lack of confidence in anything operated by the county. He said that before he could vote to join such a communications system, he would need to see an independent analysis of its benefits.

Also, when the city's Heartland representative, Councilwoman Lois Heiserman, requested council's direction regarding the recent vote, she heard mostly negative comments.

Fullinwider feels that Heartland and its cities are not looking at the issue with the needs of the entire region in mind.

"They're not looking at the big picture. If we don't do this now, we won't have a viable communications system going into the next century, and that's ludicrous," he said, noting that disasters such as the recent Laguna and Malibu fires escalated because those areas lacked a joint communications system for their fire and police departments.

"Horror stories like those and like the L.A. riots are why we need a regional system," he said.

Last month, Bob Hickman of the county department of information services said he would need answers from all cities by late December. He explained that this would be the only opportunity for the region to utilize 800-megahertz radio frequencies which it now has, but would lose, if the communications system failed to materialize soon.

## Lemon Grove Historical Society establishes new photograph archives, seeks old photos of Lemon Grove

and preserve the negatives and original prints. The idea appealed to the membership and was green-lighted.

With his ties to the Chamber of Commerce, as a board member and the one responsible for framing the historical photos displayed in the trolley depot, he got approval to add the newly discovered photos to that collection as well.

At the recent "Lemon Day" event the Historical Society set up a booth to hawk their wares, and it was the coming-out party for many of the historic photos.

Smith said there were a great many, "I remember this!"

One lady was nearly in tears over the photograph of the "Lemon Bowl-Cinema Dine," a drive-in theatre located where College Grove Center (now Marketplace at The Grove) is today. She had many fond memories of family trips through the lemon groves to catch the latest Hollywood release.

If you'd like to see the photos, contact Pete Smith at 463-7292. Proceeds from the sale of prints benefits the society.

And, if you happen to have any photos of old or interesting Lemon Grove, give him a call. The society is eager to fill in any gaps to their new photograph archives.

## Local officials remember JFK and ponder assassination mysteries

by Steven Saint

It's been 30 years to the week since President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, but Americans still don't believe the whole truth has been disclosed.

In a recent CBS News poll, 90 percent of those surveyed said they don't believe accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. Eighty percent said they think the government conducted some kind of cover-up.

Local government officials wax disconcerted over America's most compelling murder mystery as well. While they are reluctant to say the government conducted a cover-up, they suspect Oswald had help.

East County Supervisor Diane Jacob says she was teaching sixth grade at Bancroft Elementary when the news came of Kennedy's assassination. She, like most other teachers, sent her class home early.

"I now know how critical so many of the events of Kennedy's three years were to this nation," Jacob says. "I think it involved more than Oswald. I've always felt there was more behind it."

State Assemblyman Tom Connolly says he was deeply affected by JFK's murder and became interested in politics when Robert Kennedy ran for president in

1968. Connolly volunteered for the RFK campaign, only to have his hopes gunned down with the younger Kennedy.

Connolly visited Dallas' Dealey Plaza in 1975 to survey the JFK assassination site for himself. Everything is closer in real life than they look on television, he says, including the distances between the street, the Dallas School Book Depository and the infamous grassy knoll.

"I stood behind the fence between the railroad yard and Dealey Plaza. This was the logical place for a person to stand who wanted to kill someone on the street," Connolly says. "It makes more sense to be behind the picket fence than on the sixth floor of a building."

He says the famous hand-held film of the shooting, the so-called Zapruder film, shows Kennedy lunging forward and then his head snapping back. Kennedy's lurching forth and back indicates there was a shot from the back and from the grassy knoll.

Connolly thinks the FBI and CIA tried to cover up their botched investigations. Although Oswald was "up to his ears in something," Connolly's not sure if history will ever unravel what it was.

Jacob is also skeptical about the whole truth.

"I don't think all the facts are on the table - then or now," she says. "I'm not sure the American people will ever know all the truth."



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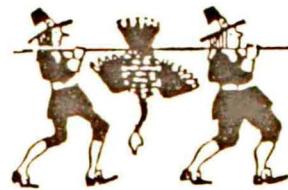
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# 'Tis the season ... for a holiday home tour

The Home Health and Hospice programs of Grossmont Hospital will hold their Second Annual Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's event promises to be a memorable one, with the opportunity to tour five of the most beautiful homes with some of the most spectacular views East County has to offer.

Tickets are \$12 each and include tours of all five homes. Groups of ten or more may take advantage of a group rate of \$10 each. Proceeds will support the Grossmont Hospital Home Health and Hospice programs.

Homes selected for this year's tour offer a variety of distinct personalities ranging from a cozy country cottage setting decorated with an impressive display of antiques and colonial crafts throughout, to a 60-year-old estate adorned with objects collected from all over the world.

A "wooded wonderland" motif welcomes guests to yet another home filled with carefully arranged treasures. And finally, a Mediterranean Villa with a revolving art gallery provides a spectacular grand finale to the tour with specialty Italian coffee

drinks and dessert pastries served afterward on the patio overlooking El Cajon.

Guests will also enjoy light snacks, sweets and unique gift items available for purchase as they stroll through the homes. (A special thanks to Caffe' Calabria, Continental Catering and the Grossmont Hospital Credit Union for their generous contributions to help make this event possible.)

The Hospice of Grossmont Hospital currently is the only hospice program located in East County. The hospice philosophy of care is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support for patients and families facing the last stages of a terminal illness. The goal of the Hospice of Grossmont Hospital is to help patients live as fully and comfortably as possible.

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Tickets for the Grossmont Hospital Holiday Home Tour may be purchased from the Grossmont Hospital Foundation, 9000 Wakarusa St., La Mesa, Grossmont Hospital Home Health/Hospice, 8881 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, or the Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Korral located at 912 E. Main St., El Cajon.

Tickets also may be purchased by calling the Grossmont Hospital Foundation at 668-4204.

## Generations Chorus to perform

The Generations Mixed Chorus under the direction of Lori Hall, present their annual Holiday program "Christmas Is Coming," on Saturday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the La Mesa Adult Recreation Center, 8450 La Mesa Blvd.

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